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Prof Asa Gray  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir, Returning Prof Coulter's letter to you we wish to express our satisfaction that there seems to be a probability of his being retained in your and our interests. We regret if anything we did seemed to be unduly bringing him into such relations. We were told, however, by our own friends, that there was not a moment to spare as he had been pressed to begin with the Cincinnati house and they looked to so securing him as, we thought, would do us all harm. We

think we were none too soon while we are glad to find him so cordially attached to your interests and under no arrangements with our competitors which he can not readily abandon.

Yours very truly  
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.